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FALL/WINTER 2008

William D. Cannon Art Gallery

Sleeping Beauties
Headrests from the Jerome L. Joss
Collection at the Fowler Museum
On display through November 30,
2008

The ancient Egyptians slept with their heads laid on pillows of wood or alabaster. Ever since then, the rigid pillow has been a staple of domestic furniture. Used to cushion the head during sleep or to prop elaborate hairdos, most of these little-known art forms are only four to six inches high. From polished Zulu headrests carved into animals and glazed ceramic pillows from China to incised figurines from Papua New Guinea and rattan neck-rests from Japan, this exhibition awakens the eye to the pleasures of 149 of these long ignored, sleeping beauties.

2009 Juried Biennial Exhibition
December 14 through February 7,
2009

Over the past nine years, the Cannon Art Gallery Juried Exhibitions have become an important showcase for the work of both emerging and mid-career artists in San Diego. Open to artists who live, work or have a studio in San Diego County, with guest Jurors who are always professionals in the visual arts. This year's Jurors for the Biennial are Stephen Hepworth, Curator of the University Art Gallery, University of California, San Diego, and Sue Greenwood, Gallery Director of Greenwood Fine Art, Laguna Beach, California.

About the Three-Part-Art gallery education program

The City of Carlsbad strives to make art and culture an integral part of the community's life – and we believe there is no better place to begin that process than with our youth. The Three-Part-Art program is designed to introduce school-children to the experience of interacting with and learning from original works of art.

> **Part One:** A curriculum guide, which ties into the California Visual and Performing Arts Standards and the current third and fourth grade curricula, is sent to all teachers to help them prepare the class for

> **Part Two:** an on-site visit to the Cannon Art Gallery to tour the exhibition with an Artist/Educator and then

> **Part Three:** a related hands-on arts activity, led by another Artist/Educator.

The children begin to learn some of the basics of the art vocabulary, and most importantly, that galleries can be welcoming and fun places to learn in new and exciting ways.

For fiscal year 2007/08, approximately 4,025 students and 1,050 adults took part in the Three-Part-Art program, with more than 300 curriculum guides distributed to area teachers. If you are interested in being placed on our mailing list to receive notification of our upcoming programs—or would like more information about our programs, please call (760) 434-2901 or e-mail tonya.rodzach@ci.carlsbad.ca.us



Headrest from Kali, Fiji, photo by Denis J. Nervig

What's going on...

CARLSBAD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Jefferson Elementary School

Jefferson Elementary School continues to offer a wide range of musical opportunities for students. The lessons are based on the California Music Standards and we are delighted to be using our new curriculum textbooks "Spotlight on Music" which were purchased for all elementary schools in Carlsbad Unified School District this past year.

One special program at Jefferson is Violin. This early morning class is taught by Marisol Padilla. We had over 70 students enroll in this program for this new school year. It is made possible by an Arts Education Grant from the Cultural Arts Office/City of Carlsbad.

Our first formal concerts of Guitar Class and Chorus will be on December 11. A morning assembly at 8:30am and an evening concert for parents at 6pm.

Kelly Elementary School

Art and music are in the air at Kelly Elementary School! Each week our students participate in dynamic lessons in art and music that are standards based

for each grade level (K-5). We have two wonderful teachers who teach these programs through the funding of our generous PTA.

Thanks to our fantastic art teacher, Mrs. Andrea Team, our students are continuing to "wow" us with their artwork. They are busy studying "the Masters" and working on impressive portraits. Mrs. Team also teaches students to interpret the feeling of a piece of artwork by investigating the clues on the canvas.

Kelly School has an amazing new music teacher this year! Her name is Mrs. Laura Donovan and she is providing our Kelly kids with an incredibly rich musical experience, using our newly adopted school district music program to teach music appreciation and music theory. Mrs. Donovan uses every second of her lessons to teach as many hands-on experiences with instruments and singing as possible. She even includes sign language, math skills, and foreign languages into her lessons! After school, Mrs. Donovan teaches our spectacular Kelly Cougar Chorus for our third through fifth graders.

Kelly is truly a great place to be!!!

Aviara Oaks Middle School (AOMS)

Band

AOMS band continues to grow under the direction of Band Director, Katie Browne. Their first performance of the year is the Salute To Our Parents-or STOP-Concert on October 16. This is a busy year as students are headed to Disneyland for the Music in the Parks Festival, and returning to San Francisco for the Heritage Festival in May. Eighth graders students went to Rancho Buena Vista High School for the field tournament which aligns with the goals to promote involvement in high school music programs.

Drama

2007/08 Drama II Eighth grade students were ranked #1 for the year at the Drama Teacher's Association of Southern California Fall and Shakespeare Festivals. Drama II students are busy preparing for the next festival on November 8. Seventh grade students are working on contemporary scenes from plays such as The Odd Couple, Biloxi Blues, Cinderella and the Miracle Worker. AOMS are proud of the sixth grade students who performed for students and parents at the end of October.

Visual Art

At AOMS, Sixth grade art students have just finished creating glue and pastel



Jefferson's third grade students playing African instruments (gongkogui bell and Axatse bead rattle and djembe drum and Donno [talking drum] and Nigerian Udu [clay drum]). They are accompanying an African stone-passing singing game, creating their own rhythmic patterns.



Jefferson's violin class is taught by Marisol Padilla.

leaves on black construction paper, with the emphasis on cool and warm colors. They are currently drawing comic book characters, and painting them in a monochromatic color scheme. Semester classes just finished watercolor paintings inspired by images of John James Audubon animals, and learning more about value. The year-long class is also using watercolors, and will be painting their versions of "The Green Man," a common recurring theme in art and architecture.

Orchestra

AOMS Orchestra is happy to have increased its enrollment 30% this 2008/09 school year! We send a warm welcome to new Orchestra students and it's great to see all the returning musicians! We look forward to an exciting year of music-making which began with our STOP (Salute to Our Parents) Concert! The Winter Concert will take place on Tuesday, December 9 at 7pm at the Carlsbad High School Cultural Arts Center.

Photography

The AOMS photography program, taught by Ms. Cindy Standley, would like to congratulate Tabitha Brandt-Collins (color), Allison Gordon (black and white), Emma Gummer (Summer of Sports theme), and Teresa Rodriguez (Creative) for winning

Best Of Class ribbons at last summer's San Diego County Fair. Many other students took home first, second, and third place ribbons for their photographic images, and the Yearbook class won a blue ribbon for the 2008 yearbook. Great work, photography students!

Valley Middle School (VMS)

Visual Art

Valley Middle School's (VMS) arts program started off the year with excitement. Valley is offering enrichment in the arts not only during the school day, but opportunities for students after school and out in the community. Advanced fine arts students volunteered at ArtSplash for the fourth year. Students created three 4' by 6' murals in chalk and helped reach out to younger children by teaching them "how to chalk".

Band and Orchestra

All Band and Orchestra classes participated in the Fall Concert held on October 30th and are currently preparing for their Holiday concert scheduled for December 18 in the MU at 6pm. The Beginning Orchestra and Beginning Band classes will be gearing up for a trip to experience the San Diego Symphony Orchestra January 28.

Chorus

Over 100 Valley Middle School choir students will be putting on a winter choral concert featuring performances by Ensemble, Viking Singers and Showstoppers as well as featured soloists and handbells. The concert is December 8 at 7pm at the Carlsbad High School's Cultural Arts Center. Tickets are \$5.

Valley Middle School Television (VMSTV)

VMSTV students will be working with middle school students from the Southern California area this year to learn the craft of video and film editing. They will take classes at the Student Television Network (STN) headquarters, newly located in Carlsbad. STN brings together middle and high school broadcast journalism programs from around the nation. This year Carlsbad students will work with professional photojournalists, editors, and special effects engineers in a series of workshops.

Drama

This year, VMS formed a drama club that meets after-school to rehearse. They performed a drama showcase with drama students from Calaveras Hills Middle School at the Carlsbad Cultural Arts Center, on October 23. Over 50 students participated from VMS and performed scenes from Ronald Dahl plays such as *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *James and the Giant Peach* and *The Witches*.



Kelly's Laura Donovan having fun teaching a music lesson using her keyboard.

Carlsbad High School (CHS)

Save The Dates:

- **Tuesday, October 21** at 7pm: Advanced Theatre Fall Showcase in the CHS Cultural Arts Center
- **Thursday, November 13** at 4:30pm: Fall Art Show Opening, Award Ceremony, 5:30pm in the CHS Cultural Arts Center—lobby.
- **November 13 through 15** at 7pm: Fall Comedy, You Can't Take it With You, in the CHS Cultural Arts Center

Advocate for arts education in your life!

THE ARTS:

- Improve kids' overall academic performance.
- Show that kids actively engaged in arts education are likely to have higher test scores than those with little to no involvement.
- Develop skills needed by the 21st century workforce: critical thinking, creative problem solving, effective communication, teamwork and more.
- Teach kids to be more tolerant and open.
- Allow kids to express themselves creatively and bolster their self-confidence.
- Keep students engaged in school and less likely to drop out.

(Retrieved on October 8, 2008 from the Americans for the Arts website http://www.americansforthearts.org/public_awareness/)

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More of Marisol Padilla's violin class.



BRINGING IT HOME TO CARLSBAD

Our Arts-in-Education Advisory Committee continues to be your advocate for keeping and improving arts in our Carlsbad schools. We meet on a quarterly basis, sharing information on advocacy, grant and program opportunities. Our community committee will continue to gather information and seek to assist in any way with these advocacy efforts.

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